(b) what are the corresponding figures of such earnings of the Railways during 1992-93 and 1993.94 zone.wise; and

(c) what is the total volume of goods carried by the Railway wagons during the current financial y«ar and the corresponding figures of the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF OF RAILWAYS (SHRIC. K. JAFFER SHARIEF); (a) and (b): A statement is attached *(See* below)

(c) During the current year, froro April, 1994 to January, 1995 the RaiL ways have carried 297.17 million tonnes of freight traffic. Freight traffic carried in the corresponding period of 1993-93 and 1993-94 was 286.20 and 290.36 million tonnes, respectively.

**Statement**

EARNINGS OP RAILWAYS THROUGH FREIGHT AND PARCEL CHARGES,

*Earnings from Freight and parcel charges*

(In Crores of Rupees)

| Railway | 1992-93 (Actuals) | | 1993-94 (Actuals) | | 1994-95 (Estimated) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Freight | Parcel | Freights | Parcels | Freight | Parcel |
| Central . . . . | 1684.94 | 41.23 | 1999.78 | 46.12 | 2040.00 | 54.78 |
| Eastern . . . . | 1283.07 | 16.18 | 1499.80 | 16.90 | 1645.00 | 16.86 |
| Northern . . . . | 1726.29 | 52.90 | 1978.18 | 64.84 | 2045.00 | 65.50 |
| North Eastern . . . | 178.05 | 7.21 | 183.01 | 3.44 | 180.00 | 6.57 |
| Northeast Frontier . . | 225.52 | 5.36 | 230.02 | 3.78 | 245.00 | 4.20 |
| Southern . . . . | 546.25 | 25.65 | 624.79 | 37.85 | 725.00 | 41.44 |
| South Central . . . | 1047.76 | 28.64 | 1246.60 | 26.94 | 1280.00 | 26.67 |
| South Eastern . . . | 2585.81 | 22.83 | 2965.14 | 24.55 | 3435.00 | 26.68 |
| Western . . . . | 1625.34 | 23.39 | 1830.04 | 24.40 | 2105.00 | 25.73 |
| TOTAL . . . | 10903.03 | 223.39 | 12557.36 | 248.82 | 13700.00 | 268.43 |

**slow growth of railway transport system**

1418. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will he Minister fo RAILWAYS be pleas. d to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth ate of railway trnsport system in he country is slow;

(b) if so, what are the reasons herefor; and

(c) what effective steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF); (a) to (c) Rail transport is a derived demand land is linked to growth of economy. Adequate rail transport capacity exists to meet the present demand of traffic.